Affairs (MEA) with no follow-up action on suggestion by IFS officials for toning up the Foreign Service to meet the challenges facing India at the international state"; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A paper on service conditions was prepared in the India Foreign Service Association which has submitted to the President of the Association. The paper has not been formally submitted for Government's consideration. Hence the question of follow up on the suggestions made in the paper does not arise.

वन भूमि का अतिक्रमण

437. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकारों और राज्य अधिकारियों के साथ मिलकर वन भूमि पर अतिक्रमणों को हटाने के लिए समय-समय पर कार्यवाही करती हैं, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्यवार कितनी कितनी वन भूमि से अतिक्रमण हटाए गए ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) जी,

(ख) राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Passenger amenities to M.Ps

438. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state: (a) Whether it is a fact that Government arc planning to make Rs. 20 lacs a year available to all M.Ps. for passenger amenities in their respective constituencies (vide the Indian Express of 10th June, 1995); and

(b) If so the details of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Revival of Indo-US Sub-Commission

439. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-US sub commission is being revived after five years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Indo-US economic and commercial Sub-commission was revived after a gap of five years. It met in New Delhi in April 10,1995.

(b) At this meeting, it was agreed that the initial work programme of the Sub-commission for the first year would focus on meeting India's infrastructural needs. The two Governments also agreed to create three Working Groups to prepare recommendations to be considered at the next meeting of the Subcommission which would be held at a mutually agreed date in 1996. These are the Working Groups on Trade and Commerce to be co-chaired by the Indian Ministry of Commerce and the Office of the US Trade Representative; on Finance and Investment to be co-chaired by the Indian Ministry of Finance and the US Treasury Department; and the Joint Private Sector Working Group which would include broad-based business associations from both countries.

Relocation of Hazardous Industries in NCR

440. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: (a) whether the Supreme Court had directed to identify the areas in the National Capital Region (NCR) to relocate the capital's 9000 hazardous industries;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified the areas and the industries to

be relocated; and

(c) the details thereof and the time by which these industries will be relocated to check the pollution in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the Orders of the Supreme Court, the Central Pollution control Board had issued notices to 9,164 polluting large, medium and small scale industries in the National Capital Territory of Delhi, for closure or relocating these units. This is because the industries were functioning in non-conforming or in conforming areas but without pollution control measures. The master-plan of Delhi 1990, incorporated the decision to more hazardous and noxious units and those falling in the category of heavy and large industries, out of Delhi, to certain areas identified the National Capital Region Planning Board. The Supreme Court in its judgement dated 24.3.1995, have ordered that units falling in certain categories, including those mentioned above, be relocated based on a case by case examination of the objections filed by each unit. The time by which these industries were required to be shifted has not been indicated in the Order;

Enquiry into the forest Fire in Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh

441. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that . devasting fire has engulfed the forests in states of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the area of forests in each state under fire and details of the loss of life, forest wealth and acological deplation;

(c) whether Government have constituted any enquiry into this reging fire;

(d) if so, the findings of the enquiry; and

(e) the follow-up steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The hills of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh experienced extensive forest fires. As per the reports received from the State Governments the areas affected by the forest fires in U.P. and H.P. is 931 Sq. Kms. and 305 Sq. Kms. respectively. A two member team has been constituted on 11.7.1995 to enquire into the causes of forest fires, the extent of damage to forest wealth and formulate a strategy to prevent the occurrence of such large scale forest fires in future and to suggest measures for their control. The committee has been asked to submit its report within a month.

गुजरात के तटीय क्षेत्रों में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की खोज

442. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी0 सोलंकी :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की खोज करने के लिए गुजरात में कौन-कौन से नए तटीय और अपतटीय क्षेत्रों का सवेंक्षण किया गया है,

(ख) क्या उक्त सवेंक्षण कार्यक्रमों के अंतर्गत सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र को भी शामिल किया गया है,

(ग) इन क्षेत्रों में तेल और अन्य पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों के अनुमानतः कितने तेल और गैस भंडार पाए गए है, और

(घ) उक्त क्षेत्रों में उक्त उत्पादों की उचित खोज हेतु क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के समुद्रतटीय तथा अपतटीय क्षेत्रों में